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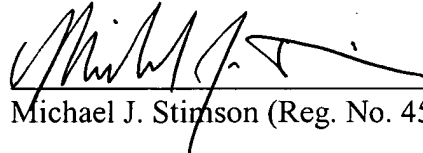
Applicants have amended claims 21, 23-27, 30-34, 36-39, 41, 42, 44-56, 58-71. Claims 21-71 are pending in this application, with the independent claims being 21, 30, 39, 44, 49, 56, 64, and 69. The foregoing amendments were made to clarify the claims; no new matter is introduced by these amendments.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Michael Stimson at (949) 759-3961.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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